ACT II: CIRCUS * THE TAMER
PART TWO
"THE LISELOTTE SISTERS"

HE IS 4.2 METERS LONG. HE'S ORIGINALLY FROM A REGION NEAR THE AMOUR RIVER, A RIVER THAT SEPARATES CHINA FROM SIBERIA. HE IS ALSO CALLED A "KING TIGER."

THIS HUGE TIGER HAS ESCAPED FROM ITS CAGE AT THE BAUSHAM CIRCUS. HE HAS KILLED OR SEVERLY INJURED MANY PEOPLE, 15 THIS MONTH...

HIS NAME IS *"BEAST."*

THE POLICE HAVE PUT AN EMERGENCY PROTOCOL IN PLACE ...

THIS IS THE SCENE ...

BEAST IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF 23 PEOPLE...

HE ATTACKED 8 JOUNALISTS BEFORE FLEEING FROM THE PARKING LOT AT THE COAST, WHERE HE WAS HELD AT THE BAUSHAM CIRCUS.

WHOA... THAT'S SO...!

A LARGE NUMBER HAVE BEEN SENT TO FIND THE BEAST...

THE POLICE HAVE BEEN SPREAD OUT IN A LARGE AREA AROUND THE PARKING LOT, AND HUNTERS HAVE BEEN POSITIONED AROUND THE BORDERS...

I-I HOPE W-WE'RE FAR ENOUGH F-FROM THE CIRCUS...! I'M TOO YOUNG TO DIE!

THIS IS TERRIBLE! I HOPE THAT AWFUL BEAST DOESN'T COME HERE!

WE HAVEN'T LISTENING TO THE RADIO...

SO...

WE DIDN'T EVEN HEAR ABOUT IT!

NORMALLY, THE TIGER SEEKS ITS PREY AT NIGHT. HE CAN TRAVEL MORE THAN 80 KILOMETERS IN THAT TIME...

HIS RANGE OF ACTIVITY IS PROBABLY AROUND 3 TO 400 SQUARE KILOMETERS!

IT'S BEEN TWO DAYS SINCE HE ESCAPED. THEREFORE, HE COULD BE WITHIN THIS AREA ...

FLAP

TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT *BEAST* IS NEAR US...

WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT SHE'S PRETTY...

I DON'T KNOW... BUT, PUTTING THAT ASIDE, SHE'S REALLY CUTE!

IS SHE A FOR-EIGNER?

...WE WILL LOOK TO *DRUM*. IF HE'S CALM, WE HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

WHAAAT !? A LION !?

I STRESSED MY DRIVER SO MUCH, HE HAD BEEN HURRYING TO MAKE IT. BUT, HE WENT A BIT TOO FAST...

NOW, I NEED YOUR HELP ...

SAH

I WAS IN AMERICA WHEN I HEARD THAT *BEAST* HAD ESCAPED...

I CAME TO JAPAN IMMEDIATELY WITH MY LION, *DRUM*.

PLEASE! ...TAKE ME TO WHEREVER *BEAST* WAS LAST SEEN!

AH, THAT'S GREAT!

HE'S JUST TAKEN A HARD KNOCK... AFTER A NIGHT OF REST, HE'LL BE BACK ON HIS FEET.

WHAT WILL YOU DO ONCE YOU'VE FOUND THE TIGER?

IT WAS DANGEROUS TO RUN THROUGH A RED LIGHT LIKE THAT...

...WILL KILL HIM!

DRUM...

FOR THAT, LITTLE LADY, YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE! I DON'T HAVE THE TIME NOR INTENT TO BRING MYSELF INTO SUCH A COMPLICATED MATTER.

EXCUSE ME, BUT... I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DRIVE THIS HUGE TRUCK ALONE ...

...

SCRATCH SCRATCH

GOT IT!

NORI! HIRO! WE'RE TAKING THE DRIVER TO THE HOSPITAL!

GET GOING!

MISS, WHY DON'T YOU GO FIND THE POLICE?

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF WE'LL EAT TOMORROW! SO, WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE ON YOUR STORY.

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU NEED TO KILL THIS TIGER WITH THE HELP OF YOUR LION... BUT, AS FAR AS WE'RE CONCERNED,

I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.

I CAN'T GO SEE THE POLICE!

I BROUGHT *DRUM* INTO THIS COUNTRY WITHOUT ASK-ING OFFICIAL PERMISSION ...

ZAN

SAY, BOSS! YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY SURE WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO HELP A YOUNG GIRL IN NEED!?

...YOU BRAT!

WHAT!? YOU WOULD ORDER ME AROUND?

PLEASE TAKE HER...

WHADDYA WANT?

SO!? WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH THIS!?

...LET A GIRL DOWN ...

BUT YOU, A MAN OF HONOR, WOULD ...

MR. NAKAMACHI... THE CIRCUS IS CERTAINLY THERE TO ENTERTAIN THE MASSES ...

HMPH

DON'T YOU THINK THAT IF THOSE PEOPLE KNEW IT, THEY COULD KEEP WATCHING WITH JOY IN THEIR HEARTS?

...A HUGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO MAY SOMEDAY BE YOUR SPECTATORS!

YOU'RE CHOOSING TO ABANDON SOMEONE WHO MIGHT HELP...

SHUT UP, MORONS!

LET'S GO!

BOSS, IT'S DECIDED!

SHIRO-GANE ...

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP...

IF YOU WOULD LET ME, SIR...

AOW VRRA

... FINE ...

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOUR NAME IS!

EXCUSE ME...

BECAUSE OF YOU, WE'RE GOING BACK INTO THE FRYING PAN!!

RRROMM

VRROOMM

OH, YES! HOW'D YOU...

YOU'RE ONE OF THE LISELOTTE SISTERS, AREN'T YOU?

OH, FORGIVE ME! I'M...

I CAN REMEMBER IT PERFECTLY... AT THE GREAT LONG CIRCUS IN AMERICA, THERE WERE TWIN LION TAMERS THAT DID THEIR NUMBER IN NURSE COSTUMES ...

SO, YOU ALSO...?

FEW DON'T KNOW THE NAMES OF THE BIG PERFORMERS IN THE WORLD OF THE CIRCUS...

WHY ISN'T YOUR SISTER HERE WITH YOU TO CHASE THE TIGER?

MY FATHER WAS JAPANESE AND MY MOTHER WAS GERMAN. MY MOTHER, MY SISTER, AND I WERE TAMERS IN THE SAME CIRCUS...

IS THAT TRUE? YOU'RE ONE OF THE LISELOTTE SISTERS?

YES... MY REAL NAME IS TARANDA LISELOTTE-TACHIBANA.

HELEN ...

MY SISTER ...

IN FRONT OF ME ...

WAS KILLED IN PLAIN SIGHT ...

SHE WAS KILLED BY *BEAST!*

AH, YES...

SO, YOU WANT REVENGE?

YOU'VE SUFFERED A LOT...

ME? I WAS SMILING!?

OF COURSE NOT!

BUT ...

... WHY ARE YOU SMILING ...?

FOR THE MOMENT, THE POLICE ARE LIMITING THEIR SEARCH TO THE MOUNTAINS AND NATURAL PARKS...

GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE BEAST ORIGINATED IN THE DENSE FORESTS OF NORTHERN EUROPE

ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES ...

OKAY... LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT. WHERE SHOULD I TAKE YOU NOW?

A RIVER, YOU SAY? SORRY, BUT... THERE AREN'T ANY RIVERS IN THE AREA NEAR THE COAST!

ROADMAP

BEAST USED TO LIKE SWIMMING A LOT ...

TIGERS LIVE IN FORESTS, BUT ALSO NEAR RIVERS...

DO YOU WANT US TO TAKE YOU INTO THE MOUNTAINS?

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, YOUNG MASTER?

MM ...

HMM

TIGERS REALLY LIKE TO SWIM?

HUH?

SQUIRT

YEAH! THERE ARE...

WHADDYA MEAN, "SCHOOLS!?"

THAT'S IT! AT MOST SCHOOLS ...

THE SCHOOLS!

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POOLS!

BUT... WHAT ABOUT THE ESCAPED TIGER?

HEY TAKEHIKO! WHY DON'T WE HAVE SOME FUN IN THE POOL?

POLICE

FOR NOW, STAY IN YOUR HOUSES! CLOSE YOUR DOORS SECURELY, AND DON'T LEAVE UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTION!

YEAH!

ANYWAY, IT'S WAY TOO HOT FOR ME!

PLUS, THEY ONLY COME OUT AT NIGHT!

IDIOT! TIGERS DON'T SWIM, I KNOW THAT MUCH!

GUNK

WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO STOP...

THIS IS RIDICULOUS! WE'RE NEXT TO A SCHOOL THAT'S SO CLOSE TO WHERE *BEAST* ESCAPED FROM!

THE POLICE!

URRAOM

RMMM

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? YOU HAVEN'T LISTENED TO THE RADIO AT ALL?

A TIGER ESCAPED FROM THE CIRCUS! ALL THE ROADS ARE BLOCKED ...

WHAT'S WITH THE BLOCK-ADE?

GRRRR

GRAH

LISTEN, WE NEED TO DELIVER SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT ...

SORRY ...

HE'S TRYING TO TELL ME BEAST IS NEARBY!

HINO

IS THAT THE TIGER!?

NO! THAT'S DRUM!

ZAH ZAH

DAMN!

WE GOTTA GO!

VVOH

I'M LEAVING, YOUNG MASTER!

SHIRO-GANE!

BRROOM

STOP !!

IT'S OVER THERE!

BROOM

ARLEQUIN
!!